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TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES R), UK

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER TO UK

REF: STATE 223414

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CALLED EMBOFF TO TELL US THAT SEPTEMBER 27 LUNCHEON AT CHEQUERS HAS BEEN SLIPPED 30 MINUTES AND IS RESCHEDULED 1300 FOR 1315. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY CONCERNING US ATTENDEES, WE GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES: SECDEF, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH. APPROPRIATE RESCHEDULING OF CARS AND HELICOPTERS IS BEING ARRANGED. SECRETARY MASON PLANS TO HELICOPTER WITH SECDEF TO CHEQUERS, AND PROBABLY WILL SEE HIM OFF FROM HEATHROW. WE CONVEYED EXPECTATION THAT ONE US SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE WILL ACCOMPANY SECDEF.

2. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE HAVE HINTED ENLARGEMENT OF US INVITEES TO NINE.

3. RE PARA 8 REFTTEL, WE PLAN STAG BUFFET DINNER FOR 30. WE CAN IDENTIFY MINIMUM OF 21 BRITISH MINISTERS AND
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OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD ATTEND.

4. RE PARA 9 REFTTEL, IISS IS GOING FORWARD WITH INVITATIONS WITHOUT TITLE FOR SECDEF SPEECH.

5. RE PARA 10 REFTTEL, THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND.

6. FURTHER CHANGES TO THE WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, ITINERARY, NOW CONFIRMED, ARE:

1500 TO 1630 - PLENARY DISCUSSION SESSION, CHAIRED BY
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
1645 TO 1715 - CALL ON ENNALS, MIN OF STATE, FCO
1730 - 1800 CALL ON HEALEY, CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER

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